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Abstract of the Disclosure

A contour-cutting machine, in particular for foam. A workpiece table (1) with a table gap (4) and a drive (2) for moving workpieces (3) in the longitudinal direction (X). A movable cutting-element carrier (20) with four pulleys (31 to 34) and an endless cutting element (30) has an open side (20d) and an opposite side (20c). The cutting-element carrier (20) can be supported and driven in the transverse direction (Y) of the table, on a stationary frame (10), which encloses the workpiece table (1) in the vicinity of the table gap (4), on the open side (20d). The cutting-element carrier can also be moved and supported in the longitudinal direction (X) of the table on the opposite side (20c).